

COUNCIL BRIEFS

January 1, 2016

New Promotion, Positions in Community

Services Department: Christine Campasano will be promoted to Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer effective January 4. For eight years, Christine served as Planning Technician in the Planning & Zoning Division. In her new role, she will assist Brian Pudlik with the enforcement of zoning ordinances.

The department also welcomes Amy Sokola, Staff Assistant in the Building Division, and Brittany Bermingham, Planning Technician, in the Planning Division, effective January 11.

Behind the Badge: Over 30 college students, one of the largest classes ever, will participate in the Police Department's 17th College Academy "Behind the Badge" from Jan. 4 to Jan. 15

The internship program, which qualifies for college credit, is specifically designed to give college students a realistic snapshot of what a career in law enforcement really entails. The College Academy consists of classroom sessions, hands-on practical skills, team building, physical training, crime scene investigation, case law, and a ride along with a West Hartford Police Officer.

PassportParking App users rise: The Municipal Parking Office offered two incentive programs to encourage people to sign-up and use PassportParking, a mobile app that provides visitors with the ultimate convenience by performing the transaction from their mobile devices from any place at any time.

In November, new users were given one hour of free parking. As a result, 358 new users signed-up and the total of active users rose to 4,422.

In December, the Town of West Hartford offered West Hartford Center and Blue Back Square merchants discount codes for one free hour of parking to give to their customers. Both new and existing app users would benefit.

Despite low business participation, an additional 247 users were gained for a new total of 4,669 app users. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Christmas tree collection begins week of

January 4th: The annual Christmas tree collection will begin on Monday, January 4 and will run for two weeks until January 15, weather permitting. Trees are to be placed at the curb by 6:30 AM on your refuse collection day.

Trees are recycled into wood chips. Therefore, please remove any plastic bags, ornaments, lights or stands from your tree before you place it at the curb. For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 860-561-8100.

Tax bills are now due: The second tax installment of real estate and personal property on the October 1, 2014 Grand List and supplemental motor vehicle taxes on the October 1, 2014 Grand List are now due. If payment is not made by Monday, February 1, 2016, the tax becomes delinquent and subject to interest at the rate of 1½% per month (18% annually) retroactive to January 1, 2016. Taxes may be [paid on-line](#), or at the Revenue Collection Center in the Town Hall, Room 109. [Click here for office hours.](#)

Please note that the office is closed on Fridays, with the exception of Friday, January 29. The office will be open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Snow & Ice Removal: Per Town ordinance, West Hartford property owners are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalk along their property line within 12 hours after the storm or sunrise, whichever is later, and keeping them clear of snow and ice. Heavily used sidewalks near schools and public buildings, and the commercial areas are particularly important. Snow throwing or pushing snow into the street from a private property or business is prohibited. This practice is dangerous and impedes the Town's snow removal efforts. Additionally, please help the Fire Department and protect neighboring properties by shoveling around fire hydrants.

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